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SUBJECT: PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

1. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE PRESSING FOR ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH CONTAINS STATEMENTS ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO USG. PARA 3 (E) OF CURRENT VERSION OF LDC DRAFT AFFIRMS THE RIGHT OF NATIONALIZATION AND IN RESPECT OF IT MAINTAINS THAT "EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO FIX THE AMOUNT OF POSSIBLE COMPENSATION AND MODE OF PAYMENT, WHILE POSSIBLE DISPUTES HAVE TO BE SOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOMESTIC LAWS OF EVERY COUNTRY." THIS DRAFT THUS SPEAKS MERELY OF "POSSIBLE" COMPENSATION, DOES NOT CONDITION ITS AMOUNT OR MODE ON MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND SUBJECTS DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ONLY TO NATIONAL LAW APPARENTLY EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES. ON ALL THESE COUNTS, IT CONFLICTS BOTH WITH ESTABLISHED U.S. POLICY AND UNGA RES 1803 (XVII), WHICH IN 1962 ATTRACTED BOTH LDC AND WESTERN SUPPORT. (SUBSEQUENT UN RESOLUTIONS, NOT SUPPORTED BY WEST, HAVE MOVED IN DIRECTION OF CURRENT LDC PROPOSALS DESCRIBED ABOVE.)

2. WHILE IT MAY BE THAT, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS ON A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, LDCS MAY DECIDE TO OMIT SUCH DETAILED AND PREJUDICIAL STATEMENTS ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, THIS REMAINS UNCERTAIN. IN THE EVENT THESE PROPOSALS ARE MAINTAINED, USG WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THEM.

3. SUGGEST YOU DESCRIBE SITUATION TO FONOFF AND REQUEST THAT FONOFF INSTRUCT ITS GA DEL TO OPPOSE THESE LDC PROPOSALS IN EVENT THAT LDCS MAINTAIN THEM. ISSUE COULD COME TO A HEAD AT ANY TIME. KISSINGER

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